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Comments: Dear U.S. Forest Service Chief Randy Moore,

Firstly, thank you so much for your proposal to steward old-growth forests on national forests and grasslands by amending forest management plans nationwide. I often want President Biden to act more boldly in response to the climate crisis, and this is a moment of boldness to celebrate!

I live in Western North Carolina, and am a beloved visitor of the Nantahala-Pisgah National Forest. In 2023, a new management plan was adopted, opening over 100,000 acres of old-growth forests, sensitive habitats, and roadless areas were rezoned to be open to commercial logging.

Alongside Josh Kelly, the Public Lands Field Biologist with MountainTrue I urge you to amend the management plan to protect these areas of old-growth and mature forest from commercial logging. As a former resident of California, I also urge you to take steps to support wildfire resilience across the area.

I believe that this is a vital opportunity to correct the deeply flawed deficiencies within the forest management plan so that it reflects and responds to the climate crisis and overwhelming support for conservation.

Thank you for your dedication, your time, and your support.

Sincerely,

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